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SEATEN LIKELY TO BE LEGION CHIEF WITHOUT CONTEST

Withdrawal of Oliver Bellsworth Is Expected to Clear
Away Opposition

STATE MEMORIAL ASKED FOR AMONG RESOLUTIONS

Veterans of World War in Session
at Middletown Again Demand
That Connecticut Fittingly Honor
Former Buddies Who Died in
France—Election of Officers Will
Take Place Tomorrow.

Middletown, Aug. 17 (AP)—Withdrawal of Oliver Bellsworth as a candidate for election as state commander of the American Legion, now in annual session here today, cleared the way, it was expected, for election of Paige A. Seaton, of Waterbury, tomorrow. The elections of officers will come at the closing session.

Today was given over to the completion of routine matters.

The resolutions committee submitted a report and several recommendations. Among the latter which the convention adopted were these: Advocating proper development of chemical warfare; incorporating in law a flag code such as was adopted at an Americanization congress in 1923; requesting the state to erect a suitable memorial to Connecticut soldiers who died in France; endorsing the present administration of Fitch's Home for Soldiers at Noroton; and requesting the secretary of commerce to provide that in preparing for the 1930 census provision be made for obtaining more useful information.

Other Conventions in

While the Legionnaires were in session the 40 and 8 and 40, the latter being composed of women, both auxiliary orders, were holding their annual conventions.

This afternoon the delegates and their guests went to Clarkhurst on the Connecticut river for a picnic.

Petts Withdraws

(Special to the Herald)
Middletown, Aug. 17.—The boom started among some of the delegations at the state convention of the American Legion which opened here yesterday to elect Arthur H. Petts of New Britain as state commander, was quickly and decidedly killed today when an announcement was made by Mr. Petts that he was under no consideration as a candidate for

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BAD WEATHER STOPS ROCKFORD'S FLIGHT

Plane to Continue Toward
Greenland When Rain
Ceases

Cochran, Ontario, Aug. 17 (AP)—Rain interfered with the plans of Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer to leave today on the second leg of their transatlantic flight in the monoplane Greater Rockford. The take-off for Mount Evans, Green-

land, was postponed. Heavy rain fell during the night and conditions were unsettled this forenoon.

Unsettled weather prevails over the route according to weather reports supplied to the fliers by Toronto meteorological office officials.

The 1,600-mile flight to Greenland is over the barren territory of northern Quebec, the tip of Labrador and a considerable distance over Davis Strait. For hundreds of miles they will be out of sight of human habitation with the exception of a few trappers' cabins. On the Atlantic seaboard are the fishing villages of Labrador and farther north the scattered posts maintained by the Canadian mounted police.

The plane was poised on the runway at the flying field near here early today ready for the hop to Greenland.

Favored by following winds, the two pilots of the plane, Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer, flew the 800 miles from the Illinois City here yesterday in seven hours.

They worked late into the night refueling their engines and filling the fuel tanks with gasoline shipped here from Rockford and then pronounced the plane ready for today's test.

From Mt. Evans their route will carry them to Repulse, Iceland, and then to Stockholm on the northern hop. They are the first to attempt the Atlantic flight by easy stages across the northern islands.

The fliers were guests of the board of trade at dinner last night but were forced to hurry away before the entertainment planned for them was given in order to complete their work on the plane.

The City of Rockford is a sister ship of the Pride of Detroit in which William Brock and Edward Schlee flew the Atlantic and then across Europe and Asia to Tokyo last year.

Ex-New Britainite First Aerial Cop



The state of Connecticut has a new air patrol that is prepared to give chase to pilots who fly too low or violate other air traffic regulations. Chief Inspector George S. Pransitis (right), and Lieut. H. W. Generous, deputy aviation commissioner, are shown beside the first patrol plane at Brainerd Field, Hartford, Conn. Inspector Pransitis is a former New Britain man, having been born in this city and attended the local schools. He is a pioneer aviation enthusiast and a number of years ago built an airplane in company with another local man. He was in the aviation corps during the war. Mr. Pransitis lives in Hartford at present.

MRS. JOHNSON, DYING, MAKES FUNERAL PLANS

New Britain Woman Passes
Away at Age of 73
After Long Illness

As she lingered in her sick bed at the New Britain General hospital, Mrs. Josephine A. Johnson, of 36 Cottage place, realized that death was merely a matter of a short time and in preparation for the great adventure dictated a few facts of her life for the newspapers, those whom she would have heard her for her last resting place and made other plans for her funeral services. The death which she had faced with such fortitude came to her at 7:15 yesterday evening, she being 73 years of age. Her death bed wishes will be complied with as far as possible and below will be found a newspaper adaptation of the history of herself she furnished.

Mrs. Johnson was taken to the hospital about six months ago suffering from a critical illness. It was realized by the attending doctors that she would not again be physically active and that death was but a matter of time.

Several weeks ago she called her daughter to her bedside and told her she might as well realize that her mother was going to die. She gave a history of her life for the newspapers, named to her the friends whom she wanted for pall bearers and mentioned that she wanted a funeral service from the church which she took a part in organizing. Her daughter agreed and her every wish has been carried out.

Since she came to this city from her native home in Sweden 49 years ago she made a deep impression and was active in societies and church. She was a charter member of the First Lutheran church, having been one of a small group which banded together to form the church. It now has one of the largest congregations in the city.

She was also a charter member of the Valkyrian lodge, O. of V. From the first Mrs. Johnson was one of its moving figures. She was a practical nurse for many years.

Twenty-three years ago her husband, John E. Johnson died. Surviving her are two sons, Edward of Locust, L. I. and Walter C. Johnson of Buffalo, N. Y.; one daughter, Mrs. James O'Leary of this city; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, at 56 Cottage place and at 3 o'clock at the First Lutheran church. Rev. Axel A. Ahlquist and Rev. S. G. Youngert will officiate. Miss Mildred Berglund will sing. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Following are the pall bearers chosen by Mrs. Johnson: Henning Johnson, Inoch Johnson, Mandus Fredberg, August Wallen, John Anderson and Oscar Johnson. The flower bearers were to be Leonard Larson, Emil Larson and Martin Carlson.

Hartford Child Badly Hurt by Speeding Car

Hartford, Aug. 17 (AP)—Struck by a hit and run motorist while playing in the side of the street near his home, Charles Uleinkos, 3, of Warehouse Point, was taken to St. Francis' hospital in this city at 11:30 this morning. He is in a critical condition and is not expected to live. State police are working on the case and Massachusetts police have been notified.

The driver kept on, heading toward Springfield after the accident.

MAKES HOLE-IN-ONE

Norwalk, Aug. 17 (UP)—A hole-in-one has been made by Arnold Overton, 15 year old caddy. It was announced at the Shore Haven Golf club today.

TRIES TO BURN WAY OUT OF POLICE CELL

Prisoner Causes Some
Commotion in West
Hartford Lockup

West Hartford, Aug. 17 (AP)—Edward Sutton, alleged to have deserted the United States army in Vermont, and now being held for the army authorities by the West Hartford police, set fire to the police station in the basement of the town hall here last night in an unsuccessful attempt to escape.

Captain Daniel Bushey, who was in charge of the police station at the time, placed the man in handcuffs before permitting him to leave the station. The man was placed on guard as it became apparent that Sutton was "moving" towards the door.

Firemen arrived in a few moments, and the fire, which damaged some oleoeth advertising signs, was soon extinguished. An inspection of the cell after the fire showed plainly with marks of soot, the point at which the prisoner had pushed a lighted match up through the top of his cell. He was to have been turned over to the army authorities today, and the fear of being sentenced upon his return to the army is believed to have prompted Sutton to attempt escape.

The room in which the fire occurred is directly under the town clerk's office, where the town records are stored.

THUMB TACK REMOVED

Delicate Operation Upon Hartford Youngster Proves Successful At St. Francis' Hospital.

Hartford, Aug. 17 (AP)—Marie Perry, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry of 56 Pine street, swallowed a thumb tack Sunday afternoon. She was removed to St. Francis' hospital where X-ray pictures disclosed that the tack had become lodged in the food passage behind the heart. Either was given the child and Dr. Edward J. Whalen was able to remove the tack by pinning the child and removing the tack by pinning the child and removing the tack by pinning the child.

Upon investigation last night the barrels were found to contain beer of a high powered nature valued according to an estimate this morning at between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

LITTLE CHILD KILLED

While Playing Circus the "Flaming Torch." Aged Four Years, Is Fatally Burned

Detroit, Aug. 17 (UP)—A four year old girl, who was made a "flaming torch" in a child circus died here of her injuries.

The girl, Evelyn Kincaide, was playing circus with children in an alley. Because she was too small to be an "animal," Evelyn was wrapped in burlap and given matches to burn as a "torch." One of the matches set fire to the burlap, and when her neighbors arrived, the little girl was burned fatally.

BURNED TO DEATH

Warham, Mass., Aug. 17 (AP)—Miss John Fraser, 82 years old, was burned to death yesterday in a fire that destroyed four cottages and a garage. The fire was started by an explosion of an oil stove in the cottage where Miss Fraser was living. She was alone at the time.

CURTIS READY FOR FORMAL CEREMONY

Plans to Plunge Right Into Campaign After Tomorrow

EXERCISES OVER RADIO

Notification Program Begins at 4 P.

M. Central Standard Time—Candidate Feeling in Great Health. He Announces.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 17 (AP)—The official program for the Curtis notification ceremony here tomorrow afternoon follows:

4 p. m. to 4:50 p. m., Central standard time—Band and vocal music.

4:50—Mass bands music and flag raising.

5:00—Introduction of Dr. J. R. McFadden, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Topeka, by Gov. Ben S. Paulsen, master of ceremonies. Radio broadcasting begins.

5:05—Invocation, Dr. McFadden.

5:07—Introduction of Senator Simon D. Fess, of Ohio by Governor Paulsen.

5:10—Notification speech, Senator Simon D. Fess.

5:20—Acceptance, Senator Charles Curtis.

5:55—Audience will sing "America," accompanied by the mass band of more than 300 musicians.

Curtis is Ready

His 65 years well seasoned by the sun and winds of the western plains, Senator Curtis of Kansas has given ready assent to the call of his party for that heavy role of campaign "stumping" on which it usually relies in its vice presidential candidature.

Tomorrow Senator Curtis will be notified formally of his nomination by the republicans for vice-president. Sunday he will set forth on the campaign and his first trip carries the veteran half way across the continent. He will be "riding the trails" much of the time from then until election day in November, a trail that will lead first to the east, thence south, and finally back into his homeland in the middlewest and northwest.

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LEAK DISCLOSES TAR IS HIGH POWER BEER

80 Barrels Are Confiscated
in New Haven Freight
Yards

New Haven, Aug. 17 (AP)—Another of those mysterious freight car loads of high-power beer consigned to responsible parties who disclaim any knowledge of the shipment was discovered by railroad police and confiscated by federal prohibition agents at 6 o'clock last night in the Cedar Hill yards when a car billed as containing 80 barrels of tar consigned to A. W. Bushnell, state highway commissioner of this city, was found to contain so many barrels of beer.

So far as could be learned there is no such person in or near New Haven who bears the name of A. W. Bushnell and the nearest approach to it would appear to be A. W. Bushell, division engineer of the Connecticut state highway department with offices at 30 Whitney avenue.

Attempts to reach Mr. Bushell by phone this morning in order to learn whether he had any knowledge of the freight car load of so-called "tar" failed. Federal agents suggested that this was probably an other case similar to the last freight car load of beer they confiscated. In that case the consignees were Ford Brothers who knew absolutely nothing about the case until informed of it by the agents.

The car load of "tar" was shipped from a point in Pennsylvania, the shipper's name being unknown to the federal agents, this morning. A look in one of the barrels caused railroad police to become suspicious of the character of the "tar" and they tipped off the agents.

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THE WEATHER

New Britain and vicinity: Showers tonight and possibly Saturday morning; not much change in temperature.

Explorer Cuts Hair To End Natives' Fear

Amman, Trans-Jordan, Aug. 17 (AP)—A lock of his own hair had to be sacrificed to science by Henry Field, leader of the Field Museum Syrian Desert expedition.

Wishing to obtain specimens of the hair of Mesopotamian desert tribesmen for the museum in Chicago, Field had induced many to part with locks and had carefully catalogued them. But a superstitious tribesman spread the word that all who had given hair to the white man would be seriously ill at the end of three years.

The situation was threatening until Field entered the chief's tent with a pair of scissors, gravely cut a lock from his own head and handed portions of it around to the natives, thus effectively dissolving their fears.

**ALLEGED SLAYER SAYS
GIRL STILL IS ALIVE**

Beitzel Writes Letter Expressing Opinion to Her Father

Philadelphia, Aug. 17 (AP)—Russell St. Clair Beitzel, former Philadelphia store employee, held in Los Angeles for the slaying of Barbara Mauger, also formerly of this city, in a letter to Henry Mauger, father of the girl, said he believed the girl is alive.

Beitzel's letter came almost at the same time that Mauger received a telegram from the Los Angeles police requesting that either he or Mrs. Mauger go to Los Angeles and make the identification positive.

Although the police communication did not infer that an error had been made in the identification of the body of a girl found in Stone Canyon near Hollywood, there was a hint that the authorities would prefer that the parents see the body before any final decision is made.

Mauger declined to comment on either the Beitzel letter or the telegram. The letter from Beitzel, passed by prison authorities was dated August 12.

"Dear Harry: I don't know how you feel toward me for what has happened. I know you do not believe I killed Barbara," it read. "I loved Barbara too much—too much to hurt her, anyway. I still love her and I do not believe she is dead."

"I only wish I could talk to you and tell you how sorry I am that anything has happened to cause you sorrow. I would like to hear from you that you don't think I committed the crime I am charged with. I would feel a lot better. You can't."

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GOING "HOME" AGAIN

Next Tuesday Morning Herbert Hoover Will Breakfast in House in Which He Was Born.

West Branch, Iowa, Aug. 17 (AP)—When Herbert Hoover arrives in West Branch next Tuesday morning, August 21, he will be a guest at breakfast in the little house where he was born, 54 years ago last August 10.

Mr. Hoover frequently expressed the wish to spend some time during his visit here in his boyhood home. In a response to an invitation from Mrs. Jennie Sellars, present owner of the property, the republican presidential candidate, his wife, and their two sons will have breakfast there Tuesday.

Mrs. Sellars is planning a meal, comprising as near as possible Mr. Hoover's favorite dishes.

AVIATOR IS SUED

Earl Fleet Defendant in \$7,500 Accident—Flew So Low It Scared Boy, Is Claim Made.

Bridgeport, Aug. 17 (AP)—The second suit on record in this county as the result of an airplane accident, was brought to the superior court today by Donald Campbell of this minor, through his father Robert Campbell, also of this city. Damages of \$7,500 are asked from Earl F. Fleet, Hartford aviator.

On July 15, 1927, young Campbell was seated on a truck one-half mile from the Bridgeport airport at Lordship. It is claimed that the defendant flying a plane, flew over the truck so low that the blast from the propeller frightened the boy and caused him to fall from the truck, fracturing his right arm.

Orange, Mass., Has Four New Paralysis Cases

Orange, Mass., Aug. 17 (AP)—Four new cases of infantile paralysis were reported to the board of health this morning, and one was removed to the Greenfield hospital, for contagious diseases.

A second urgent appeal was made to parents to keep their children at home, and particularly away from public gatherings. Two of the cases reported this morning are on Wheeler avenue, one in East River district and one on Summit street.

HIGH TIDE — AUG. 18

New Haven 2:33 p. m.
New London 12:13 p. m.

SIX PERSONS ARE HURT

Car Goes Over
On Avon Turnpike

South Wallingford Woman Driving Machine Which Gets Out of Control Near Canton This Morning—Child Also Hurt.

Hartford, Aug. 15 (AP)—Six persons were injured, seriously, when a car driven by Miss Genevieve Kelly, 30, of 205 South Orchard street, South Wallingford, went over an embankment on the Avon turnpike near Canton this morning.

Miss Kelly, a school teacher, was the most seriously hurt, suffering a broken arm, head lacerations and severe shock. Mrs. Kelly received lacerations and bruises on the body and her brother, James Kelly, 28, suffered severe lacerations.

Norma Nelson, of the same address as the Kellys, received lacerations of the jaw.

The two other passengers in the car, both of whom were hurt in the accident, lived at 205 South Orchard street, South Wallingford.

They were Julia Masten, 33, lacerations about the face and body; Winifred Martin, 9, cuts and bruises on the face and head. Miss Kelly is thought to have lost control of the car.

**ANCIENT MAYANS HAD
GAMES LIKE MODERNS**

Tulane Expedition Finds Evidence Squash Was Played 2,000 Years Ago

New Orleans, La., Aug. 17 (AP)—Evidence that a game similar to squash was played by natives of Yucatan 2,000 years ago was found by a Tulane university expedition which returned here today from an exploring trip through Central America and Mexico.

Dr. Frans Blom of the department of middle American research of Tulane who headed the expedition, said he found courts upon which the game had been played by the ancient Mayan tribes. The courts still were in excellent repair, he said. And there could be no mistake about what they were used for.

The game apparently had been played with rubber balls which had been knocked back and forth across the court with something similar to rackets.

Heretofore, Dr. Blom explained, it had been thought such games had not been played in that section earlier than 1,000 or 1,200 A. D.

Leaving New Orleans last December, the expedition was in the field 200 days traveling through almost impenetrable jungles a large part of the time. On one occasion seventy days was required to hack their way through underbrush for 100 miles and at another time the expedition traveled only 350 feet in 11 days.

Textiles 1,200 to 1,500 years old were found in a cave in Yucat, Dr. Blom said. The cloth was still white and could not be torn without great difficulty. It probably had been used as a mantle for a Mayan woman.

Several weeks will be required to assemble his reports, Dr. Blom explained, and until that time he will not be able to give out a full report of what he found. He was accompanied by Louis Bristow, Tulane student.

The expedition was financed by sons of the late John Geddings Gray, as a memorial to their father.

**BRIDGEPORT WOMAN HURT
IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT**

Mrs. Lasher and Mrs. Hubble Victims of Collision at Westport, New York.

Bridgeport, Aug. 17 (AP)—Mrs. Harvey Hubble and Mrs. Walter B. Lasher, society women of this city, were injured in an automobile accident in Westport, N. Y., yesterday. It was learned here today.

Mrs. Hubble is the widow of Harvey M. Hubble, who founded the manufacturing plant which bears his name, and Mrs. Lasher is the wife of the president of the American Chain company.

The women left here 10 days ago for the races at Saratoga and then visited Lake Placid. Yesterday they were driving to Lake Champlain from Lake Placid when their machine was struck by another car.

Mrs. Hubble suffered a broken rib and Mrs. Lasher was bruised and cut.

Both women were treated by a Westport physician. Their families and personal physicians left here for Westport immediately after receiving word of the accident.

BRIDGEPORT FIRM SOLD

Round Interests of Cleveland Take Over Chain Company—Management Will Remain Intact.

Bridgeport, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Round interests of Cleveland, Ohio, have purchased the Bridgeport Chain company of this city, according to announcement made today.

The local firm will continue under the name of the Bridgeport Chain company and manufacturing company with L. D. Round president and L. D. Citell secretary and treasurer.

The Round interests control in addition to the Bridgeport plant the Cleveland Chain and Manufacturing company of Cleveland; David Round and Son, Cleveland; the Krein Chain company of Wapakoneta, O., and the Zettie Chain and Manufacturing company of Seattle, Wash.

**Autoist, Blinded by
Lights, Runs Into Pole**

New Haven, Aug. 17 (AP)—Alexander Riccio of Meriden drove his car into a pole on the edge of the Milford turnpike late last night when the lights of an approaching car blinded him. Riccio was uninjured but his car was damaged and electric light wires to nearby houses were brought down, shutting off the current. West Haven police investigated but found no cause for arrest.

DEATH TOLL CLIMBS TO 10 AS FOUR SOUTHERN STATES CHECK UP FLOOD DISASTER

Theofilantopoulos Is His Name and He Says He Will Not Change It

Meriden, Aug. 17 (AP)—S. N. Theofilantopoulos was among 50 applicants admitted to citizenship in city court here today. He refused Judge A. B. Aubrey's offer to grant him permission to abbreviate his family designation.

**COAT-TAILS BURNED
AS HE FLEES FLAMES**

Hartford Cop a Little Too Slow—Police Motorcycles Damaged

Hartford, Aug. 17 (AP)—Four motorcycles and a policeman's coat-tails were badly damaged this morning when a fire broke out in the police station garage on Kinsley street. The blaze which was caused by a short circuit in the wiring on one of the motorcycles spread rapidly and in a few moments the entire west end of the garage was enveloped in flames.

Policeman Ralph Merriman and Mechanic William Miller found themselves in the midst of the fire. Miller was able to dash out of the building without being singed, but Policeman Merriman was not nimble enough to escape one of the leaping flames which attached itself to the tail of his coat.

This is the second fire at the police garage within the past two weeks. The other one occurred earlier in the month when one of the motorcycles burst into flames when it was being filled with gasoline.

**CURTIS INVITED SPEAKER
AT THIRD WARD OUTING**

Candidate for Vice President, It Is Hoped, Will Address Republicans September 29.

Charles G. Curtis, United States senator and republican nominee for vice president, has been invited to be the principal speaker at the annual barbecue of the Third Ward Republican club at Lake Compounce September 29.

The Third Ward Republican club's annual outing is generally considered to be the opening gun of the G. O. P. campaign and always attracts several hundred leading members of the party. Among those who plan to be present are Governor Trumbull and Chairman J. Henry Roraback of the state central committee. State and local officials will be present in large numbers and an opportunity will be afforded to meet candidates.

Councilman Donald I. Bartlett, president of the club, through whom the invitation was extended to Senator Curtis, has not yet received a reply.

**CHICAGO GANGSTERS
NOW KILLING WOMEN**

This Is Belief of Police—Victim Slain Yegg's Girl Friend

Chicago, Aug. 17 (AP)—Vengeance guns of the gangs, ever ready against betrayers, appeared today to have been turned for the first time in years against a woman.

Police could not be sure that the woman whose body was found in a ditch near Crown Point, Ind., early yesterday, was involved in Chicago gangster intrigue, for identification was lacking early today. Their theory was that the woman was Adeline Zaccardo, "girl friend" of Angelo Francisco, whose body was found early this week in the abandoned automobile in which five men had used in the robbery of the West McNairy State Bank.

Identification was difficult because after the woman had been shot, her clothing was saturated with oil and then set afire. The single bullet in her jaw, the coroner said, probably did not cause death, and she may have been conscious when fire was touched to her oil soaked clothing.

If it were Miss Zaccardo, the killing would be explained on the theory that she "knew too much," according to officers. It was she who telephoned Francisco's parents, urging them to look at the body of the man found in the robber's automobile, thus providing positive identification of the man as Francisco.

In any event, even should the theory that the woman was Miss Zaccardo be wrong, the crime is

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**Woman Berry Picker Falls
To Death Off High Cliff**

Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 17 (AP)—Mrs. William Whitmarsh, 50, of Kirkwood, plunged to her death down a 75 foot cliff while picking berries and was found by a searching party late last night. The position of the body indicated death was not instantaneous.